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Elsie Taylor



Reta Giles



BOWLING ROUNDUP

Bowling aspirants gathered at the Vic Alleys for their annual tournament and after the smoke had cleared away, Regina Bowlers had won most of the prize money. Dick Fogarty was a big winner, placing third in the "A" Singles and getting top money in the Aggregate. Elsie Taylors' team won fifth prize in the "B" division after a bad start, nice bowling, Elsie!

Other well-known teams participating in the tournament were the Serenaders with Dick Fogarty, Reg Trim, Bill Walters, Jimmy Lee, Noble Britton, Jim Larkin. And a men's team of Bill Amell, R. McDonald, E. Leddy, Herb Jones, J. Ryan, H. Hindle, Stan Larkin and Charlie Burton, with a Ladies' entry from the general office made up of Vi Truman, Marie Jamieson, Doris Burns, Lottie Baker and Phemia Boak. Bowling on local entries were: Ray Hill, Birnie Schneider, Mort Young, Reta Giles and Kitty Medley, all top-notch bowlers.

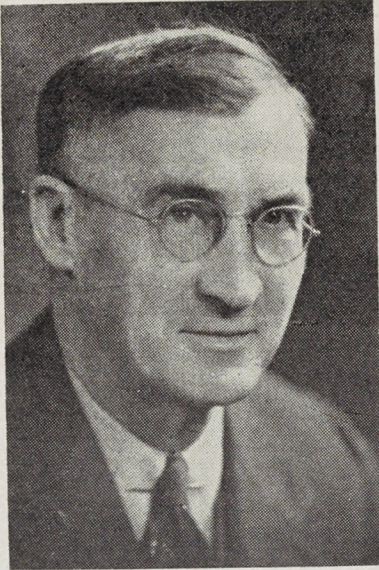


Kitty Medley



Bernie Schneider





KNOW YOUR PEOPLE

HARRY LAMBERTON

A native of Port Colbourne, Ontario, on the shores of Lake Erie, Harry Lamberton took his schooling in Caledonia where it was his hobby to fish for Black Bass in the Grand River.

In 1898 at the age of 18 he went to Hamilton, Ontario, to work in a tin can factory where he earned \$3.00 a week, but moved to a wholesale crockery firm, toiling as packer and receiver to send orders all over that part of the country, for which he received the munificent sum of \$25.00 a month. "Nevertheless", remarks Harry, "Good board and room could be had for \$2.50 a week at that time."

In 1901 he moved to Sault Ste. Marie, working on the Electric System with the line gang for 99c a day plus 1c a day for doctor bills. Journeying to Winnipeg in 1904 he continued in the Electrical Contracting business, coming to Regina in 1906.

Harry says that in those days coppers were not recognized as money. In Regina there were 10,000

people and no street cars. The location of the Wheat Pool Building was considered away out of town and Victoria Park was a plowed field surrounded with barbed wire. The Town Pump was on Broad Street at South Railway and in 1910 the railway ran special excursions to the Exhibition Grounds from the then centre of the city.

Harry Lamberton commenced work at the Main building on Thanksgiving Day in 1915 and in the spring of 1916 started to work for Simpson's in the Maintenance

Department where he has been located since as plant electrician, except for one year.

Prominent in the Masonic Order he is a Past Master of Wascana Lodge.

He lives at 1354 Rae Street, his home since 1907, where he spends most of his spare time gardening. A daughter Helen keeps house for him. His son, Captain Harry Lamberton, is in the Army.

We wish Harry many pleasant years with the Company.

So,—You've seen the first robin, and you've planned your spring outfit,—but have you "perked up" the REAL YOU for the new Spring Season?

Call anytime at the Training Office on the fourth floor, Main Building, and select one of the personality-building books from our well-stocked library. Service Building employees may telephone 319, and we shall be glad to send the selected book by messenger service to the respective department.

We have added the following books to our collection:

Tested Public Speaking by Elmer Wheeler
and

Tested Sentences that Sell by Elmer Wheeler.

An Item to Remember With Regard to Your Income Tax

If you have benefited from the Blue Cross Hospital Plan, you may claim exemption for the **GROSS AMOUNT OF HOSPITALIZATION ACCOUNT, PLUS ANY OTHER MEDICAL EXPENSES** providing the total amount exceeds 4% of your income.

BOUQUETS

Here is a nice compliment to Mrs. John Guthrie of the Children's Department, which was related to another clerk by the pleased customer. He confided, he didn't think there were still clerks like her left in the world,—so polite, courteous and interested as well as familiar with the stock. He went on to say that most of the clerks nowadays didn't seem to care whether they served you or not, and certainly were not courteous. Congratulations on the fine work, Joan!

TORONTO VISITORS

Mr. D. H. Gibson, President of the Navy League of Canada, and a Director of this Company, spent a few days in Regina recently.

Mr. H. G. Colebrook, general merchandise manager, spent several days going through the Retail and Mail Order recently.

Social News

— in and around the store

Vi Bielby (Sales Analysis and Pricing) a short time ago suggested the Department have a Scavenger Hunt. The idea was original to say the least, and we were all very much in favor and had a lot of fun.

One team, when a tooth was a "must" on their list, brought back a tooth from a comb, another, after trying half the stores in town, had to resort to digging in the gutter for a box from a Sweet Marie bar. A local radio station saved the day for a third team when they rummaged through their files and managed to produce a 1943 calendar.

We wonder who was the most surprised, Mr. Farr or the team, when they called at a certain College Ave. home to get the autograph of "the man of the house,"—and what a gentleman on the Board of Trade said when he discovered some one had borrowed(?) the feather from his hat.

Our thanks to Mrs. Robbins and Mr. Ryan, for helping to make the party such a success.

It was quite a thrill for the relatives of George Lyons a short while back when they received a call from one of the local theatres inviting them to see George in the newsreel featured there. He was in Egypt at the time.

At the annual St. David's Society Banquet in March, a distinguishing feature of the program was the high quality of the musical selections presented. Most memorable Welsh songs were, "Men of Harlech" and "Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah", sung by a male choir which is conducted by Ted Evans of the General Office. Mr. Evans is to be congratulated on the fine performance of the choir.

A most enjoyable time was had by all at a party held recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Neff when they were hosts to the Charge Office Staff. The evening was spent playing games, favors going to the winners, Mrs. Thelma Buxton, Miss Kay Gibson and Mr. Colin Faunt.

A gift from the Pricing Dept. was presented to Mary Papillion, who left us recently to reside in Toronto. Mary will be working in Simpson's Mail Order there, and we wish her the best of luck!

Mr. R. P. Fogarty recently had the pleasure of presenting a gift on behalf of his staff to Gertrude Smith (formerly Greig). Gert was married recently.

A presentation was made by Mr. Trim on behalf of the staff to Kae Harker who left recently. Best of luck, Kae!

Mrs. Clen James (nee Vera Field) formerly of the Time Office, writes from Edmonton, to say she enjoys and looks forward to reading "The Digger".

Congratulations to Dorothy James and Sgm. Bill McKillop on their recent engagement and his return from overseas.

A good little trouser, Vi Smith of the Yard Goods, left the store recently. Good luck, Vi—we shall expect to hear more of you—later.

A letter was received from Vera Flamen (formerly Sabo) who is now in Halifax with her husband. She says hello to all,—also that she has seen Virg. Urban who sends her best regards.

In Dept. 22, a card was received from Stuart Hopkins (R.C.N.V.R.). We were glad to hear from you, Stuart, keep up the good work.

Cliff Green (R.C.N.V.R.) formerly of the M.O. Shoe, recently visited the employees on the 5th floor.

P.O. Roscoe Heuser (R.C.A.F.) was a recent recent visitor in Mr. Larkin's Department while home on leave. Good luck in the future, Ross!

Mrs. Lynn Coleman visited friends throughout the building a few weeks ago. She is stopping over in Regina enroute to the east coast.

Eileen Fearey (Adjusting) became the bride of Ray Langdon on March 10 in a pretty ceremony performed at St. Peter's (Anglican) Church. Twenty-five Adjusting girls presented the bride with a chenille bedspread at a shower, and on leaving Miss Bennett made a presentation of a lovely oak coffee table. The best of everything, Eileen and Ray!

We are glad to see Elva Reaney of the Charge Office back in her glass enclosure.

Ed August of the Furniture Department, is back on the job. We're glad to see him, but thought he could have picked up some new jokes in his spare time.

Jean McCabe (Furniture) came limping back to work recently. She argues that it is only the first stair you miss that causes all the damage. (Jean had the misfortune to break her ankle).

Johnny Senft of the Shoes, is in the General Hospital undergoing an operation. We all wish Johnny a very speedy recovery.

We welcome Edna Gerstman of Sales Analysis, back to work after her illness.

Gladys Beggs (Retail) recently underwent an appendectomy. We hope to see you back with us before long, Gladys.

Mrs. Alice Goran has left the company and and is going east to be with her husband, L/Stoker Goran at Halifax.

KNOW YOUR PEOPLE

FREIDA FIEHNE

Miss Freida Fiehne has been with the Company for 25 years, and recalls that they have been happy ones.

Freida came to Simpson's when very young, first securing employment as messenger girl in the Statistical Department. In 1922 she was transferred to the Adjusting Department as a checker, and later when the system was changed, Freida was put on the belt opening parcels. She is now in charge of the N.C.R. section where all adjusting figures are checked and entered.

Miss Fiehne is a music enthusiast and expresses her liking for this finer art on the piano accordion. Her enjoyment for reading, and the care of her mother occupy much of her time. Freida smilingly confided that the trip to Toronto last fall with the Twenty-five Year Club was one of the highlights of her life.



Sporting News!

BOWLING CHATTER

The second half of the schedule is now well under way and the Yehudiis and Haphazards are battling it out for top honors. The Humdingers, the third place team at press time, are threatening to overhaul the leaders, and with a little luck might be the team to beat. The other teams are bunched up far behind and if there are no starting events, the league will see a three team photo finish.

Elsie Taylor leads the ladies with a 203 average and Florence Bishop is next with a 201 average. R. Frew leads the men with a 198 average, closely followed by F. Yerhoff with 195.

The team standings at March 6th is as follows:

1	Yehudiis	26	points
2	Haphazards	26	"
3	Humdingers	22	"
4	Wolverines	20	"
5	Poozlers	18	"
6	Spitfires	17	"
7	Mosquitoes	15	"
8	Jeep	15	"
9	Hurricanes	13	"
10	Doodlers	8	"
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BOWLING BANQUET

The Bowling Banquet will be held at the Kitchener Hotel on May the first. A cordial invitation is extended to all bowlers to be present. Prizes will be presented and speeches will be given and a fine musical program has been arranged. A dance will wind up the program.

FOGARTY HOT

Richard P. Fogarty who has been very busy lately autographing his picture (see the February issue of the Digger) took time out the other Friday evening to come very close to realizing the bowler's dream—a perfect game.

Richard, who uses the blind peoples' guide-rail with great success, had the misfortune to mislay the gadget between the 9th and 10th frames of the second game and wound up with a score of 405 instead of the perfect 450. After nine straight strikes, Dick had to be content with a spare in the 10th frame. A three game total of 952 was the best Fogarty could muster on this occasion but promising to do better if allowed to use the blind men's rail throughout the entire evening. His teammates, who are of great assistance to him, are agitating for the 100 mark in the Tournament. Come on, Fogarty, get in the game!

ROARIN' NEWS

Mild weather having put an end to curling, Bill Youngson and his rink managed to win a couple of games at the Regina Club with ease. In the first tussle they defeated the Beveridge rink by a 9 to 14 score and in the second game they took the Sinclair rink by a 9 to 12 score. A feature of the second game was Skip Youngson's draw to the button to freeze out a possible four ender by Sinclair on the Seventh end.

A meeting of all those interested will be called soon to discuss plans in regards to the formation of a curling league within the Staff. If there are enough interested a league will be formed for next season's curling and the rink will guarantee a sufficient number of ice sheets to accommodate all the rinks entered. If you are interested drop a line to W. Youngson at the Warehouse.



KNOW YOUR PEOPLE

BARBARA MOLTER

We may call Barbara a true "Westerner" as she was born and brought up in Regina.

After having completed an academic and business course, Barbara became associated with the Company in 1919. Her first assignment in the Buying Department was operating the addressograph. Later she secured experience as a buyer, and is now efficiently handling Special Shopping.

Miss Molter is fond of travelling and makes a point of having a trip each holiday season. Her hobbies are reading and doing fancywork.

Barbara spends many enjoyable week-ends with her folks who live on a farm at Estlin, 12 miles from Regina.

Congratulations on an excellent service record!

Humor---

--- LAUGH, IF YOU MUST

I used to love my garden, but now my love is dead,
For I found a bachelor's button in my Black-eyed Susan's bed.

Missionary Worker: "We're having a raffle for a poor widow. Will you buy a ticket?"
Henry: "Nope, my wife wouldn't let me keep her if I won."

When the henpecked husband died and went below, he immediately started bossing the imps around and giving orders.

"Say," roared Satan, "You act as though you owned this place."

"I do," said the newcomer, "My wife gave it to me while I was on earth."

Customer: "Will this suit hold its shape?"
Salesman: "Absolutely, that suit is made of pure virgin wool."

Customer: "I don't care about the sheep's morals. Will it hold its shape?"

"I just can't marry him, mother!" bemoaned the girl in the throes of love. "Last night he told me that he was an atheist, and didn't believe in hell!"

"Go ahead and marry him anyway," said her mother, "and between the two of us, we'll convince him that he is wrong."

The recent trouble with the telephone system was quite a nuisance to all concerned, but it had its lighter moments.

One morning a male customer rushed up to the notions counter and told one of the clerks that his wife had asked him to buy a spool of thread for her, but that he could not remember the shade she wanted. The girl, dishing out the old Simpson's Service with a will, picked up the Department telephone and dialed Mrs. Customer.

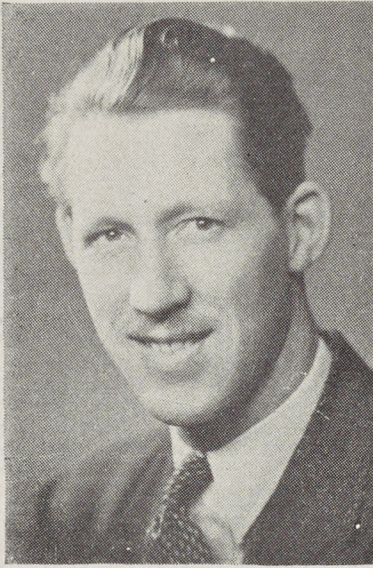
"Good morning," says the girl cheerily. "Your husband is in the store, and wants to know what shade of thread he should buy."

"I really couldn't say," replied an amused voice. "I don't need any thread, and I'm not married. You have Mr. Langhelt's office, and this is Miss Campbell speaking."

The Infant's Wear Department clerks have to have patience and fortitude. The other day one had to stand by while an airman and a small boy argued over the colour of the gift they had finally decided upon for a new arrival. At last, not being able to come to an agreement, they decided to flip a coin to end the suspense.

Luckily for the clerk, they didn't go on to "Three out of five," and "Five out of Seven," and so on, ad infinitum.

The other day a man came into the store with a shopping list that his wife had given him, and at the end of the list was written—"If you see something nice, bring it home." Now to a man that might mean anything. For instance, he might see a blonde that he thought was pretty nice.



W. M. DONNELLY

The population of Stoughton, Saskatchewan, was increased on July 1, 1912, (the day of the Regina Cyclone) when one, W. M. Donnelly opened his mouth for the first time and hollered, "Food"!!

Since then much has happened. Schooling in Stoughton where he romped around with his pony, delivering parcels for the town merchants. His spare time, although he didn't have much as his Dad died with Mac age six, was occupied by ice skating and hockey.

Later he took up farming, but found out about the drought at first hand, so came to Regina in the Fall of 1937 when he joined Simpson's Maintenance staff, transferring in 1940, to Mail Order Shoes, his present stand.

The Social Club, of which Mac is president, owes much of its success to his persistent effort and steady drive. He has also been connected with the War Service Club and has taken great interest in hockey teams in the organization.

His home, which he owns, is at 1624 Angus Street, where he lives with his wife Jessie (Anderson) and his two daughters, Diane and Dorothy. Extremely interested in gardening and chicken raising, one can always be assured of feeling at home upon the mention of Black Minorcas or White Wyandottes.

Good luck, Mac!!!

Financial Statement

FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1944

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1943.....	\$1,675.36
Collections for 52 weeks	\$5,010.15
Bank Interest—earned	18.44
	<u>\$5,028.59</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

Donations:

Hostess Club (wood)	\$ 12.75
Canadian Red Cross Society.....	1,000.00
Kinsmen Club of Regina	100.00
Kamsack Emergency Fund.....	200.00
Community Chest	200.00
Kinsmen Milk for Britain Fund....	200.00
	<u>\$1,712.75</u>

Tag Days:

First Corps Ammunition Park.....	\$ 30.00
Royal Canadian Ordnance Corps..	30.00
Royal Norwegian Air Force & Navy Auxiliary	60.00
Stagettes—B.P.O. Elks	60.00
Navy League of Canada.....	30.00
Ladies' Auxiliary S.L.I.— 14th Field Co. R.C.E.....	60.00
Canadian Prisoners of War.....	30.00
Devonshire Chapter I.O.D.E.....	30.00
Fidelio Club	30.00
Ladies' Auxiliary Regina Rifles...	30.00
113th Field Bty. R.C.A.— 14th Canadian Hussars	60.00
Vonnette Club—10th Field Ambulance Corps	60.00
Princess Patricia— 120th Bomber Squadron.....	60.00
Kiwanis Club of Regina.....	30.00
Kinsmen Club	30.00
Hadassah Organization of Canada— M.D. 12	60.00
Women's Voluntary Services	30.00
United Commercial Travellers.....	30.00
	<u>\$ 750.00</u>
Simpson's Boys' and Girls' Parcels	1,082.66
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Expenses:

Supplies	42.90
Social Club	947.93
Flowers	18.36
	<u>\$1,009.19</u>
Balance on hand	2,149.35
	<u>\$6,703.95</u>

E. BINDING, Treasurer.
W. RAE, Auditor.

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